

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary, days before the election, is a clear example of abuse of privileges enjoyed by the media. To insist upon airing a program expressing such a one-sided position without choice is nothing other than manipulation of Constitutional law. It further illustrates the dangers of media consolidation, which grant corporations like Sinclair greater power and influence the government. How dangerous is that????!!

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need to guarantee the health of our republic. It also gives free rein to those with corporate power to promote their own beliefs and interests, without restriction, and against all ethical and moral codes. Instead of something produced to create artificial information and present it as a newsworthy documentary, it's the responsibility and duty of all journalists, in whatever form - television, radio, newspapers, magazines, etc., to SPEAK THE TRUTH AS IT IS - NOT AS THEY MAY INTERPRET IT TO BE!!!!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to open our collective eyes. We are all affected, no matter who we are or what is our status in life. You are obligated to review and strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. What Sinclair is attempting to do - use their stations/affiliates in a blatant attempt to control the elections in November MUST BE STOPPED. You must do your job correctly, accurately and fully, accepting the duty placed upon you to prevent criminal use of rights and privileges granted to those in the media, especially corporations like Sinclair who dominate the airwaves so negligently and falsely. The license renewal process needs to be examined and enforced, with no favors granted to those who have such close and personal ties with the very people they seek to put in office.